

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 23, with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 6 is a partially exploded side view, in partial section, of the third embodiment shown in **[[Figur]] Figure 5**.

Please replace the first two paragraphs beginning at page 12, line 1, with the following amended paragraphs:

[[Figur]] Figure 7A is a partially exploded side view, in partial section, of certain components of the third embodiment shown in a first operating position.

[[Figur]] Figure 7B is a partially exploded side view, in partial section, of certain components of the third embodiment shown in a second operating position.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 24, with the following amended paragraph:

[[Figur]] Figure 12B is an enlarged partial side view of an embodiment of a pressure relief valve assembly shown in **Figure 12A**, seated in a fully closed position.

Please replace the two paragraphs beginning at page 13, line 2, with the following amended paragraphs:

[[Figur]] Figure 12B, shown in an operator opened position.

[[Figur]] Figure 12D is an enlarged partial view of the pressure relief valve assembly of **Figure 12B**, shown in a pressure activated open position.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 22, with the following amended paragraph:

With reference to **Figures 3A, 3B, and 4**, two alternative chamber caps **600** and **600'** are illustrated. A chamber cap **600** is provided to secure a standard sized tube or cartridge (for example, a caulking cartridge) within the housing **9**. In **Figure 3A**, the chamber cap **600** is shown in the fully sealed position, so that lock pin **605** is fully engaged within channel **601** defined between retainer arm **606** and the main body of cap **600**. Safety valve **58** is aligned to seal chamber opening **607**, shown in **Figure 3B**. An O-ring **614** fitted within rim **611** provides a gas tight seal between the cap **600** and the housing **9**, to inhibit leakage of pressurized gas from the device **1**. As the chamber cap **600** is displaced away from channel end **603** to a partially opened position, and safety valve **58** is displaced from opening **607**, to allow any pressurized gas to vent to atmosphere, before the cap **600** is fully disengaged from the housing. A detent **604** is provided adjacent the end of arm **606**, to encourage the operator to pause while opening the chamber cap **600**, so that the pressurized gas is completely exhausted before the cap is fully disengaged. **Figure 4** illustrates an extended mounting cap **600'** provided to enclose a cartridge, tube or other container of greater length. For example, some sealants, and other viscous materials are packaged in substantially elongated tubes and containers that will not fit within standard housings. An elongated chamber cap **600'** may be provided to extend the effective length (and interior volume) of the air tight housing **9**. The cap **600'** is secured to housing **9** by engaging lock pin **605'** in channel **601'**, defined between retainer arm **606'** and the main body of the cap **600'**. When the cap is fully engaged with the housing **9**, the lock pin **605** abuts against channel end **603'**. A detent **604** is also provided on retainer arm **606'** to encourage the operator to pause before fully disengaging the cap from the housing. Although a safety valve is not shown in **Figure 4**, a safety valve or other venting

arrangement is preferred to ensure that any remaining gases are fully exhausted before the cap is fully disengaged.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 23, line 18, with the following amended paragraph:

Figures 12A, 13 and 14 illustrate a trimming step involving the use of the knife **630** to trim away excess material from a remaining stem on the tube **10**. A cut away portion **115** of the preattached thermoplastic nozzle is discarded. In the chamber cap **660** illustrated in **Figures 13 and 14**, inwardly projecting rimmed ledge **669** is provided on the exterior wall of the chamber cap **660** so that, when the rimmed ledge **669** is engaged with the shoulder **11** of the tube **10**, the precut stem is properly positioned and centered relative to the knife **630**. Precut stem end **113** is positioned in contact with the edge of knife **630** so that the stem end **113** will be trimmed as the tube **10** is pressed against, and rotated relative to, the knife **630**. The trimming step is completed leaving a finished stem **112** of a predetermined length so that the overall cartridge dimensions are suitable for loading within the housing **9** of the dispensing device. On the other hand, the chamber cap **600'** illustrated in **Figure 12A** lacks an inwardly projecting ledge **669** and the knife is hidden within the interior of the housing when the cap is in place to seal the housing. For example, it may be desirable to hide the knife and its cutting edge to avoid accidental injuries or damage to the knife blade. In this embodiment, chamber cap **600'** has a knife **630** fixed on the interior of the end wall so that the shoulder **11** of the tube **10** abuts against rubber springs **613** when the tube is rotated to trim away excess material from the stem **112**.